



MCURC 2026 ALL-MEMBER MEETING PARTICIPANT LIST

MCURC Member Institutions, Research Collaborators, and Network Partners

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The Culinary Institute of America

- Olivia Barkett, Registration Manager
- Bukky Boyd, Manager - Conference Operations
- David Brooks, Senior Director for Strategic Partnerships, Industry Leadership & Impact
- Valentina Córdoba, MS, MA, Research and Community Manager
- Abby Fammartino, MBA, MSFS, Director - Health & Sustainability Programs & Research; Co-Director, MCURC
- Robert Jones, Vice President - Strategic Partnerships, Industry Leadership & Impact
- Ryan Luttrell '99, Assistant Professor
- SeaAnna Savage '24, Manager - Sponsorship Planning
- Alex Massey, Development Officer
- Sean McGurl, Sustainable Education Coordinator
- Robert Perillo '86, Professor
- Taylor Reid, PhD, MS, Associate Professor, School of Liberal Arts and Food Studies
- Maryann Tebben, Dean of Food Studies & Liberal Arts
- Robert Valgenti, PhD, Professor of Liberal Arts and Applied Food Studies

Stanford University

- Ghislaine Challamel, MS, Senior Advisor, R&DE Stanford Food Institute; Collective Impact Lead, MCURC
- Sophie Egan, MPH, Senior Advisor, R&DE Stanford Food Institute; Co-Founder and Co-Director, MCURC
- Diane Mavica, Associate Director Vendor Management & Contracts
- Andrew Mayne, Senior Associate Director of Culinary Event Strategy and Plant Forward Experiences
- Heidi Mitchell, Research and Development Sous Chef



- Eric Montell '89, Assistant Vice Provost for Stanford Dining, Hospitality & Auxiliaries; Co-Founder, R&DE Stanford Food Institute; Co-Founder, MCURC
- Jennifer Robinson, PhD, Associate Director for the Nutrition Research Group at the Stanford Prevention Research Center in the School of Medicine

University of Michigan

- Nicole Berg, Sustainability Program Manager; Office of Campus Sustainability & Innovation
- Chef Bouakhanh Greene, Executive Chef
- Susan Cramer, Senior Associate Director of Residential Dining
- Eliza Haffey, MPH, RD, Senior Culinary & Nutrition Specialist
- Andy Jones, PhD, Associate Professor
- Amanda Lownes, Culinary & Nutrition Specialist
- Aleena Malik, Volunteer Director of Food Recovery Network; BBA Student at The University of Michigan Ross School of Business
- Melanie Reid, Assistant Director of Systems
- Jules Reynolds, PhD, Lecturer in Program in the Environment
- Sara Soderstrom, PhD, Director of Program in the Environment and Associate Professor in Organizational Studies & Program in the Environment
- Keith Soster, Director of Sustainability, Student & Community Engagement
- Jennifer St. Andre, Operations Manager at East Quad Dining Hall
- Jennifer Tober, Director of Retail Operations
- Kenzie Winslow, Sustainability Assistant Program Manager
- Arslan Younas, Bachelor of Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Central Asia; Master of Environment and Sustainability, University of Michigan; Administrative Assistant, School of Environment and Sustainability, University of Michigan

BITE: Building Impact Through Eaters

- Veronica Stone, Quantitative Researcher
- Stephanie Szemetylo, Senior Design Researcher

Boston College

- Gregory Gamwell, Production Manager, Dining Services, Lyons Hall
- Ryan Lombardi, Assistant General Manager, Dining Services, McElroy Commons
- Rebecca Rogan, Associate Director, Restaurant Operations, Dining Services



Boston University

- Gary Arthur, Director of Residential Dining
- Joseph Naffah, Executive Chef
- Lexie Raczka, Sustainability Director
- Armand Toutaint, Executive Chef, Residential Dining

Central Washington University

- Katy Williams, MS, RDN, CD, CSSD, CDCES, Department of Health Sciences, Dietetic Internship Director

College of the Holy Cross

- Bradley Shannon '06, Director of Culinary Development and Nutrition

Colorado State University

- Gretchen Kurtz, Instructor

Georgetown University

- Gina Green, PhD, Professor of the Practice, The Earth Commons
- Mona Miraftab, MBA Candidate, Georgetown University McDonough School of Business

Greener by Default

- Kenjin Chang, Research Director; PhD Candidate, Cornell University; MCURC Research and Education Working Group Co-Chair

Johns Hopkins University

- Graham Browning, Sustainability Manager

Marist College

- Marie Murphy, Nutritionist

Michigan State University

- Holly Christy, Dietitian



- Jim Hath, Complex Dining Manager

NACUFS

- Bryan Freeman, Director of Membership & Marketing

Ohio University

- Matt Paisley '02, Senior Executive Chef

Pomona College

- Travis Ellis, Executive Chef

ProVeg International

- Colette Fox, Public Food Lead

Rutgers University

- Peggy Policastro, PhD, RDN, Director-Rutgers Dining, Nutrition Services

Tecnológico De Monterrey

- Daniela Gordillo-Bastidas, Nutritionist

The Sustainable Restaurant Association

- Will Browning, Director of Growth

Tufts University

- Patti Klos, Senior Director of Dining Services
- Kelly Shaw, Nutrition and Sustainability Manager

UC Berkeley

- Celeste Basken, PhD Candidate, Research Assistant
- Shannen Casey, Sustainability Program Coordinator, Residential Student Services Program
- Caroline Lim, Conservation and Resource Studies Student; MCURC Student Fellow

UC San Diego

- Gloria Browning '05, Registered Dietitian–Culinary



UCLA

- Joseph Martin, Senior Executive Chef

UMass Lowell

- Melissa Quirk, Campus Dietitian
- Stanley Szymczak, Executive Chef

Universidad Anáhuac Mayab

- Emilio Martinez de Velasco Aguirre, Director, Collaborative Innovation Lab

University of Bristol

- Louise Rose, Assistant Manager
- Alex Sim, Development Chef

University of British Columbia

- Dani Korven, Associate Director of Food Service
- Colin Moore, Director of Food Services
- Gloria Sun, Manager of Nutrition & Wellbeing

University of Colorado, Boulder

- Eliah Golden, Associate Director of Culinary Operations, Executive Chef Dining Services; MCURC Executive Chefs Committee Co-Chair
- Lisa Whalen, Registered Dietitian

University of Iowa

- Michael Graham, Corporate Chef

University of Maryland

- Meera Kay, PhD Candidate; MCURC Student Fellow

University of Missouri at Columbia

- Sarah Buckallew, Registered Dietician
- Derrick Cripps, Director Campus Dining Services
- Johnna Martin, Executive Chef



University of Reading

- Bogdan Marza, MR
- Charlotte Mills, PhD, Hugh Sinclair Lecturer in Nutritional Sciences
- Justina Raggett, PhD Candidate (MCURC Student Fellows' Co-Manager)
- Matt Tebbit, Director of Dining
- Jon Tierney, Food & Beverage Coordinator

University of Southern California

- Lindsey Pine, USC Hospitality Dietitian

Vanderbilt University

- Brian Cochrane, Director of Culinary Operations; MCURC Executive Chefs Committee Co-Chair
- Maria Portelli, Senior Director, Campus Dining
- Emily Svennevik, Dietitian

Washington University in St. Louis

- Aamna Anwer, Sustainability Manager
- Tiffany De La Roche, Director for Dining Services
- Pat Holmes, Resident District Manager
- Rebecca Miller, Director, Dining Nutrition Services

Yavapai College

- Aimee Novak, Executive Director of Culinary Experience



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- Paige Jensen, Regional Marketing Director
- Austin Johnson, Sustainability Director - West Region
- Carter Layne, Culinary Director

Choolaah Indian BBQ

- Ryan Arigo, Director of Operations



- Raji Sankar, Co-Founder and Co-CEO

Hodo Foods

- Matthew Stevens, Head of Food Service Sales
- Minh Tsai, Founder

illy Caffè North America

- Shari Franklin, Director of Marketing
- Elizabeth Friedmann, Senior Director of Sales - National Accounts
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- Laurie Sanborn, Instructor and Quality Manager

International Fresh Produce Association

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Leanpath

- Jessica Rosen, Senior Director of Engagement & Impact

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- Jim Kelly, Director of Sales - College and University

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- Angel Alvarez, Senior Account Executive

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- Alex Dino, Corporate Executive Chef
- Cassandra Hoover, Senior Manager Nutrition & Sustainability

Northern Canola Growers Association

- Lindy Coutts, Communications & Marketing Director
- Sheri Swindler, Associate



Topanga

- Page Schult, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer

UPSIDE Foods

- John Mitchell '89, VP Sales
- Christian Noto, Outside Sales

U.S. Tart Cherries

- Amy Cohn, President
- Zach Schwartz, Senior Account Supervisor

Guest Attendees

Alimentando el Mañana Colombia

- Lyda Durango, Managing Director
- Paula Perdigón, Food Policy Lead

GoodSAM

- Heather Terry, CEO

Humane World for Animals

- Mohamed Alqamoussi, Sr. Culinary Specialist

MCURC

- Maureen Timmons '92, Student Fellows Impact Advisor

Schafer Condon Carter

- Gail Carter, Partner



Guest Speakers

- Allie Jacobs, MA in Climate and Society, Columbia Climate School
- Mike Lee, Principal Futurist, The Future Market, and University of Michigan Alumnus
- Mark Yeo, MA in Climate and Society, Columbia Climate School